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Lake, Fort Simpson on the Mackenzie River, Nulato on the upper Yukon, and British Columbia.

*E. t. alnorum* breeds in the Maritime Provinces, New England and New York, the northern part of the Lower Peninsula of Michigan (I have several typical specimens from Oden which is situated about twenty miles south of the Straits of Mackinac), and doubtless at many other points in the region lying immediately about the Great Lakes, but just how far to the westward it extends and whether or not its breeding range in the Mississippi Valley reaches sufficiently far southward to impinge on or closely approach that of true *traillii*, I am wholly ignorant.



SEVENTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE AMERICAN ORNITHOLOGISTS' UNION CHECK-LIST OF  
NORTH AMERICAN BIRDS.

SINCE the publication of the Sixth Supplement to the A. O. U. Check-List the Committee on Classification and Nomenclature of North American Birds has held two sessions, having in hand the preparation of a new edition of the Check-List, as well as current questions relating to species and subspecies, and to changes in nomenclature proposed since the preparation of its last report (*cf.* Auk, XI, 1894, pp. 46-51). The sessions of the Committee were held in Washington, Jan. 15-18, 1894, and Feb. 12, 13, 1895, all the members of the Committee being present. In view of the proposed early publication of the second edition of the Check-List, all questions known to the Committee were considered, including nearly all of those originating in the present (April) number of 'The Auk.' Some of the latter still await final action.

The numbers at the left of the scientific names facilitate collation with the Check-List. The interpolated species and subspecies are numbered in accordance with the provision made therefor in the Code of Nomenclature (p. 14, last paragraph).

Committee { ELLIOTT COUES, *Chairman*.  
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## I. ADDITIONS.

### [388.1.] *Cuculus canorus telephonus* (HEINE).

#### Kamtschatkan Cuckoo.

*Cuculus telephonus* HEINE, Journ. f. Orn. 1863, 352.

*Cuculus canorus telephonus* STEJN. Bull. 29, U. S. Nat. Mus. 1885, 224.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. An Asiatic species, occurring accidentally at the Pribilof Islands. (Cf. PALMER, Auk, XI, Oct. 1894, 325.)

### [390.1.] *Ceryle torquata* (LINN.).

#### Ringed Kingfisher.

*Alcedo torquata* LINN. Syst. Nat. 1766, I, 180.

*Ceryle torquata* BOIE, Isis, 1828, 316.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Mexico and southward to southern South America. Casual on the Lower Rio Grande, Texas. (Cf. STONE, Auk, XI, April, 1894, 177.)

### 441.1. *Basilinna leucotis* (VIEILL.).

#### White-eared Hummingbird.

*Trochilus leucotis* VIEILL. Ency. Méth. II, 559.

*Basilinna leucotis* BOIE, Isis, 1831, 546.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Mexico and Guatemala, north to Chiricahua Mountains, Arizona. (Cf. FISHER, Auk, XI, Oct. 1894, 325.)

480.1. **Aphelocoma cyanotis** RIDGW.

**Blue-eared Jay.**

*Aphelocoma cyanotis* RIDGW. Man. N. Am. Bds. 1887, 357.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Northern Mexico, ranging northward into western Texas. (Cf. FISHER, Auk, XI, Oct. 1894, 327.)

591 c. **Pipilo fuscus senicula** ANTHONY.

**Anthony's Towhee.**

*Pipilo fuscus senicula* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, April, 1895.

[B 396, in part, C 206 b, in part, R 240 b, in part, C 308, in part.]

HAB. Southern California, and Lower California, south to Lat. 29°.

632 b. **Vireo huttoni obscurus** ANTHONY.

**Dusky Vireo.**

*Vireo huttoni obscurus* ANTHONY, Zoe, I, Dec. 1890, 307.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Pacific coast, from Oregon to southern British Columbia, south in winter to California.

682.1. **Geothlypis poliocephala ralphi** RIDGW.

**Rio Grande Yellow-throat.**

*Geothlypis poliocephala ralphi* RIDGW. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., 1893, 692.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Lower Rio Grande Valley.

709 a. **Harporhynchus cinereus mearnsi** ANTHONY.

**Mearns's Thrasher.**

*Harporhynchus cinereus mearnsi* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Jan. 1895,

53.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. Northern Lower California.

713 a. **Heleodytes brunneicapillus bryanti** ANTHONY.**Bryant's Cactus Wren.***Heleodytes brunneicapillus bryanti* ANTHONY, Auk, July, 1894, 212.

[B 262, in part, C 43, in part, R 56, in part, C 63, in part.]

HAB. Northern Lower California, north into southern California.

719.1. **Thryothorus leucophrys** ANTHONY.**San Clemente Wren.***Thryothorus leucophrys* ANTHONY, Auk, XII, Jan. 1895, 52.

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. San Clemente Island, California.

767. **Sialia mexicana occidentalis** (TOWNS.).**Western Bluebird.***Sialia occidentalis* TOWNS. Journ. Acad. Nat. Sci. Phila. VII, 1837, 188.*Sialia mexicana occidentalis* RIDGW. Auk, XI, April, 1894, 151, 154.

[B 159, in part, C 17, in part, R 23, in part, C 28, in part.]

HAB. Pacific Coast, from British Columbia to southern California, east to western Nevada, and casually, during migrations, to New Mexico.

767 a. **Sialia mexicana bairdi** RIDGW.**Chestnut-backed Bluebird.***Sialia mexicana bairdi* RIDGW. Auk, XI, April, 1894, 151, 157.

[B 159, in part, C 17, in part, R 23, in part, C 28, in part.]

HAB. Rocky Mountain district, south to northern Mexico.

767 b. **Sialia mexicana anabelæ** ANTHONY.**San Pedro Bluebird.***Sialia mexicana anabelæ* ANTHONY, Proc. Cal. Acad. Sci., 2d Ser. II, Oct. 1889, 79. (Cf. RIDGW. Auk, XI, 1894, 151, 159.)

[B—, C—, R—, C—.]

HAB. San Pedro Martir Mountains, Lower California.

## II. CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE.

GENUS **Engyptila** SUNDEVALL (p. 180). This becomes

GENUS **Leptotila** SWAINS.

*Leptotila* SWAINS. Class. Bds. II, 1837, 349. Type, "*P. rufaxilla*.  
Nat. Lib. V. pl. 24" [*i. e.*, *Peristera jamaicensis*, Nat. Lib.  
IX, 207, pl. 24 (named on plate "*Peristera rufaxilla*") ].

*Leptotila* Swains. has thirty-five years' priority over *Engyptila* Sundevall. The former name has been generally discarded as being preoccupied by *Leptoptilos* Vieillot, 1831, on the presumption that Swainson intended to write *Leptoptila*; but there being no satisfactory evidence that this was the case, *Leptotila* is accepted as a tenable name.

No. 318. **Engyptila albifrons** (Bonap.). This becomes

**Leptotila fulviventris brachytera** (SALVAD.).

*Leptoptila brachyptera* SALVAD., Cat. Bds. Brit. Mus. XXI, 1893,  
545.

*Leptotila fulviventris brachyptera* A. O. U. Comm. Nomen. MS.

Professor Salvadori (l. c., p. 545, footnote) has found that the type of *L. albifrons* Bonap. in the Paris Museum "is undoubtedly a specimen of *L. jamaicensis*." The earliest specific name for No. 318 of the Check-List appears therefore to be *brachyptera* Salvad. 1893 (*ex* GRAY, 1856, *nomen nudum*), while *brachyptera* appears referable as a subspecies to *L. fulviventris* LAWR. (Ann. New York Acad. Sci. II, 1882, 287).

No. 421. **Chordeiles texensis** LAWR. This becomes

**Chordeiles acutipennis texensis** (LAWR.).

*Chordeiles acutipennis*, var. *texensis* BAIRD, BREW. & RIDGW.  
Hist. N. Am. Bds. II, 1874, 406. (Cf. HARTERT, Cat.  
Bds. Brit. Mus. XVI, 1892, 616.)

GENUS **Picicorvus** BONAP. This becomes a subgenus of  
*Nucifraga*. Cf. RIDGW. Auk, XI, April, 1894, 179.

GENUS *Nucifraga* BRISSON.

*Nucifraga* BRISSON, Orn. II, 1760, 58. Type, *N. caryocatactes*.

Hence No. 491, *Picicorvus columbianus* (WILS.) becomes  
***Nucifraga columbiana* (WILS.).**

*Nucifraga columbiana* AUD. Orn. Biog. IV, 1834, 459.

726 a. ***Certhia familiaris mexicana* (GLOGER).** This  
becomes

***Certhia familiaris alticola* MILLER.**

*Certhia familiaris alticola* MILLER, Auk, XII, April, 1895.

## III. ELIMINATIONS.

289 c. ***Colinus virginianus cubanensis* (GOULD).** Found  
to be extralimital. Cf. RIDGWAY, Auk, XI, Oct. 1894, 324.

767. ***Sialia mexicana* SWAINS.** Found to be extralimital.  
Cf. RIDGWAY, Auk, XI, April, 1894, 151-154.

IV. FORMS CONSIDERED AS NOT ENTITLED TO  
RECOGNITION.

*Oceanodroma townsendi* RIDGW. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus. 1893, 687.

Since the description of this species the type has been compared by Mr. Osbert Salvin with the type of *Thalassidroma melania* Bonap., in the Paris Museum, and found not to be different.

*Vireo huttoni insularis* RHOADS, Auk, X, July, 1893, 239.

Considered as not separable from *V. h. obscurus* ANTHONY.

V. PROPOSED CHANGES OF NOMENCLATURE  
REJECTED.

[253.] *Totanus nebularius* (GUNN.) vs. *T. littorea* LINN. Cf. REICHENOW, J. f. O. 1889, 188. The Committee, on carefully reviewing the question, finds no reason for changing its former decision in the matter.

*Bonasa umbellus fusca* (ORD) COUES *vs.* *B. u. sabini* (DOUGL.).  
*Cf.* COUES, Lewis and Clark's Exped. ed. 1893, III, 872.

It is held that the proposed change is not in accordance with  
Canons XLIII and XLIV of the A. O. U. Code.

## VI. ACTION DEFERRED.

*Icterus gularis yucatanensis* BERLEPSCH. *Cf.* Auk, XI, Jan.  
1894, 51. Final action was again postponed.

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## RECENT LITERATURE.

Newton's 'Dictionary of Birds.' Part III.<sup>1</sup>—Part III<sup>2</sup> of this admirable work includes, besides the minor articles to be expected in such a connection, others of considerable length and unusual importance, as naturally follows from their authoritative authorship. Among such may be especially mentioned *Moa* (concluded from Part II) and *Odontornithes*, by Mr. Lydekker; *Monstrosities*, *Muscular System*, *Nervous System*, and *Pterylosis*, by Dr. Gadow; *Moor-hen*, *Moult*, *Nidification*, *Nightjar*, *Owl*, *Parrot*, *Partridge*, etc., by Professor Newton. Everywhere throughout the work Professor Newton has enriched his pages with much curious historic and philological information of great interest to every intelligent reader. His views regarding nomenclature, the status and relationship of groups, and kindred general questions, are conservative and based on full knowledge of what has been said by previous authorities. He is strenuously opposed to the admission of either genera or species based on slight differences, with a tendency perhaps to underrate the fine distinctions commonly made by the writers of the 'new school.' Dr. Gadow

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<sup>1</sup> A | Dictionary of Birds | By | Alfred Newton | Assisted by | Hans Gadow  
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Roy, M. A., F. R. S. | and | Robert W. Shufeldt, M. D. (late United States  
Army) | Part III (*Moa-Sheathbill*) | London | Adam and Charles Black |  
1894. 8vo., pp. 577-832.

<sup>2</sup> For notices of Parts I and II, see *antea*, Vol. X, pp. 357-360, and Vol. XI,  
pp. 56-60.